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RING ON AN ELECTRIC STARTER SHAFT  
COMPRISING A STARTER DRIVE  
ASSEMBLY AND CORRESPONDING  
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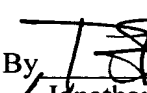
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